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SENATE FINANCE & CLAIMS
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GOOD AFTERNOON.

**CHAIRMAN, SENATOR RIPLEY AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**MY NAME IS BETTE HALL-MUNGER, AND I
AM REPRESENTING MYSELF AS A PRIVATE
CITIZEN.**

**I BRING, HOWEVER, 17 YEARS OF PAST
EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE MCTF
AS A STATE GRANT MGR AND MORE
RECENTLY AS THE BOARD'S TECHNICAL
ASSISTANT.**

**I SUPPORT OF SB 58 AND THE MISSION OF
THE BOARD AND THEIR STATEWIDE
PROGRAMMING.**

**OUR VOLUNTARY, PREVENTION PROGRAMS
ASSIST FAMILIES WHO ARE NOT A PART
OF THE CPS SYSTEM.**

FAMILIES SEEKING OUR SERVICES MAY HAVE A CLOSED CPS CASE AND NEED CONTINUED SUPPORT. THIS IS WHERE MCTF PROGRAMMING SHOWS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE CPS SYSTEM. WE WANT TO BUILD ON THAT.

CPS CONTINUES TO BE OVERLOADED WITH CASES, AND METH IS ON THE RISE. WE ALL KNOW THE FALLOUT OF THAT!

MORE AND MORE CHILDREN ARE ENTERING FOSTER CARE WHERE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH FOSTER FAMILIES OR CASE WORKERS.

WE SEE OUR ROLL IN PREVENTION AS KEY TO WORKING WITH FAMILIES THROUGH OUR SERVICES TO KEEP MT CHILDREN SAFE AND FAMILIES STRONG.

YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO INVEST AND BELIEVE IN OUR WORK, AND SUPPORT OUR ADVOCACY.

PLEASE PASS SB58. AND, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.